



December 2009

Christmas Greetings,

Today, we celebrate God's love for us in the birth of Jesus, our Savior. In the midst of many good things: presents, family gatherings, and much more, please keep focused on Jesus, the Star and True Light of the world. Keep the joy and excitement of Jesus' birth alive in your heart and home.

St. Teresa is a great parish of 1,300 households and opportunities for everyone to be involved as shown by the contact list on the back of this page. If you are new to the area or desire to become more involved, please contact a staff member listed below or the contact list phone numbers. Join us in many spiritual events throughout the year. Your suggestions to the staff and Pastoral Council are appreciated.

Pope Benedict XVI has asked the Church throughout the world to celebrate a special year dedicated to the priesthood that began June 19, 2009 until June 19, 2010. He picked that date, since June 19 is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and this year is the 150th anniversary of the death of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of priests. St. John was renowned as a humble priest in France, who dedicated his life to his parishioners. The Pope asks everyone to reflect upon the Sacrament of Priesthood, pray for priestly vocations, and for priests to deepen their faith and ministry. We have moved our statue of St. John Vianney to the votive candles for extra prayers.

Each day I pray for all St. Teresa Parish members and on every Sunday and Holy Day a Mass is offered for the living and deceased members of St. Teresa Parish. If you have had difficulties in the past with the Church or individuals, please be willing to start anew with God and St. Teresa Parish. Contact any of us to help you or those seeking to return to the Church.

God bless you this Christmas and in 2010.

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